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SUBJ: UNSOLICITED U S NUCLEAR MATERIAL TRANSFER REPORTS

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1. AEC FORM 741 COPIES ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE AGENCY WITH TIMELY NOTICE OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS TRANSFERS BETWEEN US AND COUNTRIES WHERE AGENCY SAFEGUARDS APPLY.

2. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THERE HAVE NO FORMAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR US SUBMISSION OF 741'S TO IAEA, AND IAEA REQUEST FOR THEM, AT THE TIME WHEN NPT SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS WERE BEING NEGOTIATED, THOUGHT WAS GIVEN TO QUESTION OF KEEPING AGENCY ADVISED OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS TRANSFERS BETWEEN US AND SUCH COUNTRIES INFUTURE. MOST PRACTICABLE METHOD SEEMED DESPATCH OF INFORMATION COPIES OF FORM 741, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE AGENCY WITH TRANSFER DATA WITHOUT REQUIRING OFFICIAL

CORRESPONDENCE OR PREPARATION OF SPECIAL FORM FOR THIS PURPOSE.

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ANTICIPATING THAT THE TREND TO NPT AGREEMENTS WOULD CONTINUE, USAEC

INSTITUTED PRACTICE OF SENDING AGENCY 741 FORMS REGARDING TRANSFERS TO OR FROM ALL COUNTRIES WHERE AGENCY SAFEGUARDS APPLIED. SOLE CURRENT EXCEPTION CANADA UNDER REVIEW.

3. RECENT DISCUSSIONS VIENNA BETWEEN MAHY (USAEC) AND FRENZEL AND BUCHLER (IAEA) INDICATED LATTER TWO HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF PURPOSE OR ARRANGEMENTS FOR US SUBMISSION OF 741'S AND SAW NO NEED FOR THEM. THEY EXPRESSED VIEW THAT JOINT NOTIFICATION PROVISIONS UNDER TRI-LATERAL AGREEMENTS FULLY MET AGENCY NEEDS. PRESUME THEY RECOGNIZE THESE PROVISIONS NOT OPERATIVE UNDER NPT AGREEMENTS AND CONSIDER UNILATERAL NOTICE BY RECIPIENT TO BE ADEQUATE IN NPT CASES.

4. WE SEE SUBMISSION OF 741'S AS BACKUP OR CONFIRMATORY DATA WHICH SHOULD BE OF VALUE TO AGENCY. FURTHER, UTILIZATION OF SHIPPERS' DOCUMENTS SUCH AS FORM 741 TO NOTIFY THE AGENCY CONCERNING TRANSFERS IS AMONG POSSIBILITIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION ANY AGREEMENT WHICH MAY BE REACHED AMONG NWS. PENDING FIRM DECISIONS IN THIS CONNECTION, WE ARE RELUCTANT TO UNDERTAKE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF CURRENT 741 DISTRIBUTION INSTRUCTIONS THAT MIGHT SOON HAVE TO BE REINSTATED.

5. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, SUGGEST MISSION DISCUSS THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH AGENCY AND ADVISE CONCERNING CURRENT AND FUTURE UTILITY THESE FORMS TO AGENCY.
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